

1. (Currently Amended) A silencer (25a) for the attenuation of noise occurring in an intake airstream (10, 27) of a gas turbine (1-3), ~~characterized in that the silencer (25a) has comprising:~~
_____ means (31, 32, 33, 34) for the introduction of water, ~~and/or steam, or both,~~ into the intake airstream (10, 27).
2. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the silencer (25a) is designed as further comprising:~~
_____ a plurality of tubular elements (31) arranged essentially parallel to the direction of flow of the intake airstream (10, 27).
3. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that further comprising:~~
_____ cavities between the elements (31) ~~are designed with~~ configured and arranged for a silencing action.
4. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 or 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 2, wherein each tubular element includes an inner space, and further comprising:
_____ nozzles configured and arranged to introduce water, and/or steam, or both, is ~~introduced into the intake airstream via nozzles (33), the nozzles (33) being arranged on the inside of the tubular elements (31), and injecting the water oriented to inject into the inner space of the tubular elements, and preferably at least two nozzles (33) being present, distributed on the circumference, for each element (31).~~
5. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 to 4~~ Claim 2, characterized in that wherein the tubular elements (31) ~~each have a variable diameter that changes along their length, and, particularly preferably, they have a narrowing in the middle region, the narrowing particularly being designed in such a way that the elements (31) have essentially the same diameter on the inlet side and on the outlet side and have a diameter smaller by 20 to 30% in the middle region.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in ~~claims Claim 4 and 5, characterized in that~~ wherein the tubular elements each have a diameter that changes along their length and includes a narrowing in a middle section, and wherein the nozzles (33) are arranged in the region of the narrowing.

7. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 to 6~~ Claim 2, characterized in that further comprising:
_____ at least two carrying walls (34) are arranged essentially substantially
perpendicularly to the direction of flow of the intake airstream (10, 27), between which at
least two carrying walls the water, (29) steam, or both, is to be supplied and into which at
least two carrying walls the tubular elements (31) are incorporated in a way whereby they
so that the tubular elements pass through the at least two carrying walls (34).

8. (Currently Amended) The silencer (25a) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that further comprising:
_____ nozzles; and
_____ means for injecting water with a droplet size in the range of 10 to 50 μ m is
injected into the intake airstream (10, 27) via the nozzles (33), the injected water quantity
particularly preferably being dimensioned beyond the saturation limit.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the power output or regulating the power output of a gas turbine (1-3), ~~using~~ comprising:
_____ providing said gas turbine with a silencer (25a) as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8
Claim 1; and
_____ operating said silencer to increase or regulate the power output of said gas turbine.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that further comprising:~~
_____ injecting water with the silencer (25a) injects the water into the intake airstream
(10, 11, 27) essentially substantially directly upstream of a first compressor stage, (1)

~~and/or~~ of a second compressor stage, ~~(2)~~ or both, and, ~~if appropriate,~~ optionally downstream of a further silencer, ~~(25)~~ and, ~~if appropriate,~~ optionally downstream or upstream of a further water spraying device ~~(26)~~.

11. (New) The silencer as claimed in Claim 4, further comprising:
at least two nozzles circumferentially distributed for each tubular element.
12. (New) The silencer as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the tubular elements each comprise a narrowing in a middle region
13. (New) The silencer as claimed in Claim 12, wherein each element includes an inlet side and an outlet side, and wherein the narrowing is configured and arranged so that the elements have substantially the same diameter on the inlet side and on the outlet side and have a diameter smaller by 20 to 30% in the middle region.
14. (New) The silencer as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each element includes an inlet side and an outlet side, and wherein the narrowing is configured and arranged so that the elements have substantially the same diameter on the inlet side and on the outlet side and have a diameter smaller by 20 to 30% in the middle region.
15. (New) The silencer as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the means for injecting water comprises means for injecting a water quantity beyond the saturation limit.